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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. 41. (Cancelled)
- 42. (previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 38.
- 43. (previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the mature form of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 38.
- 44. (previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 37.
- 45. (previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the complement of a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:37.
- 46. (previously presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid sequence of claim 42.
- 47. (previously presented) The vector of claim 46, further comprising a promoter operably-linked to said nucleic acid molecule.
- 48. (withdrawn) A cell comprising the vector of claim 46.
- 49. (previously presented) A composition comprising the polynucleotide of claim 42 and a carrier.
- 50. (previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide consisting of a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 38.

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- 51. (previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide of claim 42 wherein the nucleic acid sequence encodes a mature form of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 38;
- 52. (currently amended) A <u>single nucleotide polymorphism</u> eSNP and coding variant of the polynucleotide of claim 42 which encodes serine at amino acid residue 27.
- 53. (withdrawn) A cSNP and coding variant of the polynucleotide of claim 42 which encodes proline at amino acid residue 27.
- 54. (withdrawn) A cSNP and coding variant of the polynucleotide of claim 42 which encodes glutamic acid at amino acid residue 39.
- 55. (currently amended) A <u>single nucleotide polymorphism</u> eSNP and coding variant of the polynucleotide of claim 42 which encodes lysine at amino acid residue 39.
- 56. (withdrawn) A cSNP and coding variant of the polynucleotide of claim 42 which encodes glycine at amino acid residue 76.
- 57. (currently amended) A <u>single nucleotide polymorphism</u> eSNP and coding variant of the polynucleotide of claim 42 which encodes arginine at amino acid residue 76.
- 58. (withdrawn) A cSNP and coding variant of the polynucleotide of claim 42 which encodes threonine at amino acid residue 220.
- 59. (currently amended) A <u>single nucleotide polymorphism</u> eSNP and coding variant of the polynucleotide of claim 42 which encodes alanine at amino acid residue 220.
- 60. (withdrawn) A cSNP and coding variant of the polynucleotide of claim 42 which encodes arginine at amino acid residue 236.

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61. (currently amended) A <u>single nucleotide polymorphism</u> eSNP and coding variant of the polynucleotide of claim 42 which encodes glutamine at amino acid residue 236.

- 62. (withdrawn) A cSNP and coding variant of the polynucleotide of claim 42 which encodes arginine at amino acid residue 270.
- 63. (currently amended) A <u>single nucleotide polymorphism</u> eSNP and coding variant of the polynucleotide of claim 42 which encodes glycine at amino acid 270.